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Title Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 26 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11 ]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
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(if applicable, all necessary)  
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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For: **Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**  
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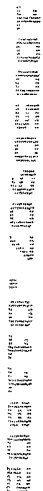
1. Form PTO/SB/05 Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**

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the application comprising:

- a. A specification containing:
  - (i) 22 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - (ii) 3 pages of claims (21 claims);
  - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 11 sheets of formal drawings: (Figures 1-11); and



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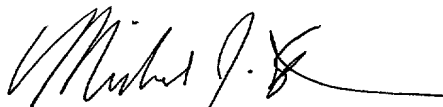
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